

Borough of



Rawtenstall.



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# ANNUAL REPORT

for 1943

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

## BOROUGH OF RAWTENSTALL.

### HEALTH COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR (Councillor Robert Howorth, J.P.)  
(*Ex-officio*). (*Vice-Chairman, Maternity and  
Child Welfare Committee*).

*Chairman* : Councillor Mrs. D. ASPIN.

*Vice-Chairman* : Alderman J. R. SLATER.

Alderman J. BARRITT, J.P.

„ Miss C. WHITEHEAD, J.P.,  
(*Chairman, Maternity and Child  
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„ J. HOLT.

„ Mrs. M. M. HOLLAND.

„ Mrs. N. J. PHILLIPS.

„ E. ISHERWOOD.

„ H. TURNER.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The Health Committee with the Co-opted Members  
given below :

Mrs. E. CRABTREE, J.P.

„ H. N. HOLDEN, M.A.

„ G. F. HOLT.

„ M. J. PILLING.

„ N. HOWARTH.

„ M. ROBINSON.

## STAFF.

### *Medical Officer of Health :*

K. KNIGHT WOOD, M.B., CH.B., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

### *Assistant Medical Officer of Health*

E. A. D'AMIAN, M.D., L.R.C.P. AND S.

(Resigned 15.7.43).

### *Consulting Orthopædic Surgeon :*

\* S. M. MILNER, F.R.C.S., M.A., M.B.

### *Consulting Nose and Throat Surgeon :*

\* PHILIP A. HARRY, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H.

### *Consultant for Puerperal Pyrexia :*

\* A. CALLAM, D.S.O., M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

### *Consulting Obstetrician :*

\* ROBERT NEWTON, M.D., M.C.O.G.

### *Child Guidance Psychiatrist :*

\* MICHAEL BALINT, M.D., PH.D.

### *Psychologist :*

\* MRS. E. HENSHAW, M.SC.

### *Social Worker for Child Guidance :*

\* MISS B. H. COOKE

### *Speech Therapist :*

\* MISS E. BRADY.

### *Dental Surgeon :*

A. C. WALKER, L.D.S.

### *Chief Sanitary Inspector :*

W. E. HOYLE, M.R.S.I.

### *Sanitary Inspector :*

L. T. SIMPSON, A.R.S.I. (Joined H.M. Forces 3.6.43).

### *Health Visitors :*

§ MRS. E. M. BOOTH.

§ MISS W. ATKINSON.

§ MISS J. RILEY.

### *Orthopædic Nurse :*

\* MRS. E. BROMLEY.

### *Dental Attendant :*

MISS G. HOLT

### *Clerks :*

R. HAWORTH (with H.M. Forces), A. HALLIWELL (with H.M. Forces), MRS. D. COLLINGE, MISS D. H. WILSON, MRS. R. HORROCKS.

### *Hospital Caretaker and Disinfector :*

W. STOPFORTH.

\* Part time.

§ Also acts as School Nurse.

C.M.B. S.R.N. H.V. Cert.

# Annual Report for 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to place before you my eleventh Annual Report on the Health Services for the year ending 31st December, 1943. This report, like its predecessors during the war, has been considerably curtailed.

The incidence of infectious disease as a whole has been low, and there has been no serious epidemic of any infectious disease. The minor infectious diseases, measles and whooping cough, have had a particularly low incidence. Scarlet fever and diphtheria have been mild in type, no deaths have occurred, and the incidence has not been high.

The percentage of children now immunised against diphtheria is, below 5 years old, 47%, between 5 and 15 years, 90%.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work has again been satisfactory, and there has been an increased attendance made by children under one year of age. The percentage of notified live births attending the Child Welfare Centres was 85.8%. The percentage of expectant mothers attending the Local Authority's Ante-natal Clinic was 70%. In addition a number of mothers attend the Moorlands Ante-natal Clinic. The number of attendances made at these clinics combined has increased during the year from 1,483 last year to 1,709.

The supply of dried milk, cod liver oil, and fruit juices on behalf of the Ministry of Food has continued at the clinic.

Once again it can be reported that the nutritional state of the population shows no obvious sign of worsening owing to war conditions.

The birth rate has risen from 12.9 to 14.3 per thousand per annum, and it is satisfactory to know of the very low infantile



mortality rate which has gone down from 34.7 per thousand live births to 17.75, a very low and satisfactory figure, which we hope will be retained in the future.

In spite of war-time difficulties it is very gratifying to be able to report satisfactory progress, and that in the future, such obvious defects as cramped clinic premises, and the absence of sufficient medical staff may be remedied.

I should again like to express my thanks to the staff for the support that they have continually given me during my stay at Rawtenstall, and to you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I would express my thanks for your continuous interest and encouragement in the department's work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

K. KNIGHT WOOD,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,  
Spring Garden Chambers,  
Rawtenstall.

22/8/44.

**SECTION A.****Vital Statistics for the Year 1943.**

		Total	M.	F.
Live Births	Legitimate .....	323	167	156
	Illegitimate .....	15	9	6
	Total .....	338	176	162
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Stillbirths .....		8	6	2
Deaths .....		368	195	173
Birth Rate .....	14.3 per 1,000 population.			
Death Rate .....	15.6 per 1,000 population.			
Infantile Mortality Rate .....	17.75 per 1,000 live births.			





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CAUSES OF DEATH		MALES	FEMALES
ALL CAUSES... ..		195	173
1	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers ...	...	...
2	Cerebro-spinal fever ... ..	...	...
3	Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	...
4	Whooping Cough... ..	...	...
5	Diphtheria ... ..	...	...
6	Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	3	3
7	Other forms of tuberculosis ... ..	...	1
8	Syphilitic diseases ... ..	2	...
9	Influenza ... ..	4	4
10	Measles ... ..	...	...
11	Acute poliomyelitis and Polioen- cephalitis ... ..	...	...
12	Acute infectious encephalitis ... ..	...	1
13	Cancer of buccal cavity and œso- phagus (M.), uterus (F.) ... ..	3	1
14	Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	7	6
15	Cancer of breast ... ..	...	4
16	Cancer of all other sites ... ..	22	17
17	Diabetes... ..	3	2
18	Intra-cranial vascular lesions ... ..	22	25
19	Heart disease ... ..	70	52
20	Other diseases of circulatory system.	3	4
21	Bronchitis ... ..	10	7
22	Pneumonia ... ..	7	6
23	Other respiratory diseases... ..	3	1
24	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	3	...
25	Diarrhœa under 2 years ... ..	...	...
26	Appendicitis... ..	...	1
27	Other digestive disorders ... ..	2	4
28	Nephritis ... ..	4	11
29	Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis ...	...	...
30	Other maternal causes ... ..	...	1
31	Premature birth ... ..	1	1
32	Congenital malformations, birth injury, infantile diseases ... ..	2	...
33	Suicide ... ..	4	1
34	Road traffic accidents... ..	...	1
35	Other violent causes ... ..	7	7
36	All other causes ... ..	13	12
Deaths of Infants under 1 year :			
	Total ... ..	4	2
	Illegitimate ... ..	1	...
LIVE BIRTHS :			
	Total ... ..	176	162
	Legitimate ... ..	167	156
	Illegitimate ... ..	9	6
STILLBIRTHS :			
	Total ... ..	6	2
	Illegitimate ... ..	1	...

## SECTION B.

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.—The Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, undertakes Bacteriological and Chemical Examinations for the Borough.

During the year the following examinations have been made :

	Positive.	Negative.	Total.
Throat Swabs for Diphtheria...	9	40	49
Nose Swabs for Diphtheria ....	1	5	6
Diphtheria, Virulence Tests ....	—	1	1
Typhoid .....	—	1	1
Milk for T.B. ....	3	49	52
Bacteriological Examinations of Milk .....			23
Milk, Methylene Blue Tests .....			33
Bacteriological and Chemical Examinations of Water..			14
Wassermann Reaction .....			5
Examination for Gonococci .....			2
		Total...	186

### Ambulance Facilities.

The Corporation ambulances have removed to the Massage and X-Ray Centre at Haslingden 178 patients, who made 846 attendances. The mileage covered for this purpose was 4,282 miles in the year. The total removals were 2,534, covering a mileage of 32,049 miles.

Messages for the use of the ambulance are left at the 'Bus Shed (Ross. 814).

GENERAL HOSPITAL TREATMENT.—The hospital facilities outlined in the 1938 report have been available.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.—There are four Nursing Societies in the Borough.

### Maternity and Child Welfare.

MIDWIVES.—The Lancashire County Council employs two whole time midwives who are resident in the Borough. There are also three District Nurses who are also midwives employed by the Nursing Societies, who also act under the County Midwifery Scheme in the Borough.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—There have been no changes. The Clinic meets weekly on Fridays at 2 p.m. at 6, Kay Street, Rawtenstall. The following figures give the work done by the Health department in Ante-natal cases :—

Number of expectant mothers who have attended the Ante-natal Clinic .....	242
Number of attendances made at Ante-natal Clinics .....	661
Number of visits paid during the year by all Health Visitors to expectant mothers—	
First visits .....	144
Total visits .....	270

The Lancashire County Council provide Ante-natal facilities at Moorland Infirmary. The following figures show the work carried out at Moorlands for Rawtenstall residents :—

Number of expectant mothers who are resident in Rawtenstall, who have attended the Moorlands Ante-natal Clinic during 1943 .....	201
Total number of attendances made by the above .....	1048
Cases admitted to the Moorland Maternity Home from Rawtenstall during the year 1943 .....	157



Number delivered .....	157
,,           ,,       by doctors .....	19
,,           ,,       by midwives .....	138
Live births .....	157
Still births .....	2
Died during the first 4 weeks .....	2

### **Institutional Provision for Mothers or Children.**

**MATERNITY.—MOORLAND HOSPITAL.** There have been no alterations made in the arrangements with the Moorland Maternity Home from those described previously. The number of mothers, belonging to Rawtenstall, who were confined there in 1943 was 157.

Fifty-three of the 157 cases received assistance under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, MANCHESTER.**—There have been no alterations made in the arrangements with St. Mary's Hospital for the admission of abnormal confinements.

During 1943 twenty-six maternity cases were admitted to St. Mary's Hospital under the arrangement. One case was admitted to Jericho.

**CHILDREN.**—Admission of children to Moorland Infirmary has continued where necessary.

The Workpeople's Hospital Fund provided treatment for 72 children under 5 years of age, 41 as in-patients, and 31 as out-patients at the following Hospitals:—Manchester Children's Hospital 7. Manchester Eye Hospital 1. Burnley Victoria 6. Manchester Skin Hospital 1. Bury Infirmary 33. Accrington Victoria 1. Manchester Royal 1. Ramsbottom Cottage Hospital 1. Moorlands 15. Manchester Northern 5. Christies 1.

**PHIMOSIS, &c.**—Operations for the cure of Phimosis are dealt with at The Infirmary, Bury, and the cost of the recommends is borne by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.



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During 1943 forty-nine cases of Phimosis were treated under these arrangements.

TONSILS AND ADENOIDS.—Sixteen children under 5 years of age received treatment by operation for removal of enlarged tonsils and adenoids under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme. The arrangements have been the same as those described in previous reports.

DECAYED TEETH.—Facilities have been available for treatment at the School Dental Clinic. Fourteen cases under school age were treated during the year.

DEFECTIVE VISION.—Thirty-five children below school age were referred, under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, for examination by the Ophthalmic Surgeon at the School Clinic.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.—There are three centres, held weekly. At the Clinic, Kay Street (Tuesday); Goodshaw Baptist School (Wednesday); Whitewell Bottom Council School (Thursday).

The attendances at the various centres are given below :—

Year.	Clinic.	Under 1 year		1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 5	Total attendance	No. of Births belonging to Boro'
		Breast	Bottle						
1943	R'stall	1201	1242	554	235	65	14	3311	338
	C'booth	345	427	310	213	121	87	1503	
	W'bottom	717	1078	849	458	221	158	3481	
		2263	2747	1713	906	407	259	8295	

(A) Total number of attendances at all Centres :—

- (i) By children under 1 year of age ..... 5010
- (ii) By children between the ages of 1 and 5 years... 3285

(B) Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and who, on the date of their first attendance, were :—

(i) Under 1 year of age .....	290
(ii) Between 1 and 5 years .....	36

(C) Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and at the end of the year were :

(i) Under 1 year of age .....	251
(ii) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years .....	738

Percentage of live births represented by the number in (B) (i) ..... 85.8%

### Home Visits by Health Visitors.

The following table shows the number and nature of home visits made by the Health Visitors during the year.

No. of Visits to Mothers where births have occurred, advice given where necessary as to care and feeding...	323
No. of Visits to Children under One Year .....	1402
Visits to Children One to Five Years .....	2663
Infant Deaths inquired into .....	6
Still Births inquired into .....	3
Visits to Ante-Natal Cases .....	270
Visits to Cases of suspected Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	—
No. of Cases of Infectious Diseases (Aged 0—5) visited...	86
Other Visits .....	25
Total.....	4778

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION under Part I of the Children's Act, 1908, as amended by the Children and Young Persons Act, 1932).

There was one child on the register at the end of the year.

SUPPLY OF NOURISHMENTS.—The following food, etc., was supplied to necessitous families, and in other cases sold at cost price at the Child Welfare Centres.

Virol .....	300 lbs.
Cod Liver Oil .....	816 ozs.
Cod Liver Oil Emulsion (8 oz. bottles) .....	197 bottles
Cod Liver Oil and Malt .....	399 lbs.
Dried Milk Foods .....	8,694 lbs.
Adexolin Liquid .....	403 ozs.
Farex .....	240 lbs. 10 ozs.
Redoxon .....	84 packets.
Haliborange .....	291 ozs.

SUPPLY OF COD LIVER OIL AND FRUIT JUICE.—Issued by the Clinic Staff at the three Centres on behalf of the Ministry of Food. National Dried Milk has also been issued from the Centres on behalf of the Ministry of Food.

ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.—There has been no change in the arrangements from those described previously.

Thirty-five children under 5 years of age belonging to this Borough have attended the Clinic during the year.

ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT TREATMENT.—Twenty-three children under five years of age and one ante-natal case attended the Clinic for treatment.

### Special Medical Examinations.

The following medical examinations have been made by the Medical Officer of Health for the purposes specified :—

Examinations for Superannuation .....	16
Examinations of applicants for 'Bus Conductors and Drivers .....	7

## SECTION C.

### Sanitary Circumstances.

(i) WATER. The rainfall in 1943 was 52.49 inches compared with 50.71 in 1942.

There has been little change in the borough water supply.

(ii) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—Below are set out particulars of bins, ashpits, etc., in the Borough :—

No. of privy middens .....	21
No. of closets attached to these middens .....	21
No. of pail closets .....	483
No. of dry ashpits (exclusive of middens) .....	40
No. of fresh water closets .....	4486
No. of waste water closets .....	3652
No. of portable receptacles for refuse .....	8016

#### Closet Conversions :—

		During Year 1943.	During five years 1938-1942.
No. of Privy Closets	{ To Fresh W.C.'s.	—	—
	{ To Waste W.C.'s.	—	—
	{ To Pails, etc.	—	—
No. of Pail Closets	{ To Fresh W.C.'s.	—	—
	{ To Waste W.C.'s.	—	—
No. of Waste W.C.'s to Fresh W.C.'s.		4	56
No. of Houses at which Movable Ash- bins have been substituted for fixed receptacles .....		3	404

(iii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.—Refuse collection has been carried out as described in previous reports.



## REFUSE COLLECTION BY S. D. FREIGHTERS (4).

	Loads.					
Number of Loads .....	3455					
	T.	c.	q.	£	s.	d.
Tons of Refuse Removed .....	6046	5	0			
Nett Cost—Haulage .....				1511	8	2
Nett Cost—Loading .....				1842	12	5
NETT COST PER TON .....					11	1
Gross Cost—Haulage (including breakdowns, cleaning and holi- days) .....				1742	7	1
Gross Cost—Loading (including holidays and Foreman's Wage)..				2020	0	6
GROSS COST PER TON .....					12	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Weight per house per annum.....		13	3			
Cost per house per annum based on gross expenditure .....					8	6
Weight per 1,000 of population	255	17	2			
Cost per 1,000 population per annum .....				159	4	5
REFUSE DISPOSAL.						
Tons of Refuse .....	6046	5	0			
Total Cost .....				440	9	7
COST PER TON .....					1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL COST PER TON—COL- LECTION and DISPOSAL .....					13	10 $\frac{3}{4}$

## EXCRETA COLLECTION BY S. D. FREIGHTER.

	Loads.					
Number of Loads .....	196					
Cost of Haulage .....				161	4	7
Cost of Loading .....				139	10	1
Use of Haslingden Shate .....				6	0	0
COST PER LOAD .....				1	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

## (iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr. W. E. Hoyle, the Senior Sanitary Inspector, for the following figures :—

## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

## PARTICULARS SUBMITTED TO THE HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1943.

Nuisances brought before the Health Committee .....	156
Representing Houses .....	309
,, Other Premises .....	Nil
Nuisances Abated .....	226
Notices Served—Nuisances :—	
Informal .....	127
Interviews .....	35
Statutory .....	Nil

DAIRIES, COWKEEPERS AND MILK SELLERS.—The total number of cowkeepers in the Borough is 107, the number on the registers being 107. During the year 205 inspections have been made. Many changes have been made and some small farmers have commenced to sell milk wholesale. The register is not up to date owing to shortage of staff.

There are 20 Dairymen or Milk Purveyors, and all are on the Register.

Sixty-two samples of milk were collected from farms in the Borough, all of which proved satisfactory for Coliform Test and Tubercle Test. Twenty-two samples were collected for the Lancashire County Council and were found to be satisfactory for Methylene Blue and Tubercle Test.

FARMS.—During the year no Notices have been served on farms for alteration; much of the work is now held up owing to reduction in staff.

CATTLE SALE YARDS AND AUCTION MARTS.—Within the Borough there is one of the above premises.

DISINFECTION.—The following disinfection was carried out during the year :—

Beds disinfected .....	235
Clothing, Beddings, etc., disinfected .....	2651 articles.
Beds destroyed .....	22
Other articles destroyed .....	130
Rooms disinfected .....	125

OFFENSIVE TRADES.—There are three tripe dressing premises in the borough; only two of these are in use, and are controlled and supplied from the various centres of supply.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

The number of Council houses found to be infested	1
The number of other houses found to be infested ...	Nil

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## SECTION D.

### Inspection and Supervision of Foods.

#### INSPECTION OF FARMS.

Wholesale Milk Farms .....	13
Retail Milk Farms .....	61
Stock Farms .....	88
Empty Farms .....	43

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR T.B.- -Sixty-two samples were taken. All were negative.

#### DISEASED FOOD SURRENDERED.

2058 tins of meat, vegetables, etc., were surrendered for destruction from shops and depots during the year.

#### Bakehouses.

There are fifty-three bakehouses in the Borough, all are well kept.

#### Markets.

There are two; at Rawtenstall on Thursday and at Waterfoot on Friday each week. The meat stalls are constructed to comply with the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. Both markets are now reduced to the inside only.

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## SECTION E.

Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious  
and other Diseases.TABLE SHOWING NO. OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING EACH YEAR.  
FROM 1934—1943.

DISEASE.	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Smallpox .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever .....	49	16	24	14	15	18	40	25	66	60
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	5	15	8	30	19	14	54	12	13	25
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...
Acute Primary Pneumonia )	25	48	50	41	21	38	63	55	42	50
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia )										
Puerperal Fever .....	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	3	2	...	1	5	5	4	2	...	3
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .....	2	2	3	1	1	...	1	2	6	4
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Acute Polio-encephalitis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Dysentery .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .....	6	3	5	2	2	5	1	6	8	3
Erysipelas .....	25	15	28	13	21	15	17	15	26	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	19	19	13	17	13	20	15	22	13	15
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	18	8	9	11	22	23	16	11	8	13
Relapsing Fever .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Measles .....	...	...	...	...	*...	1	352	81	357	49
Whooping Cough .....	...	...	...	..	*...	2	60	146	26	51
TOTALS .....	155	129	140	131	121	141	627	378	568	278

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

SCARLET FEVER.—There were 60 cases notified, compared with 66 cases last year. Clinically they were of a mild type and there were no deaths. Fifteen cases were removed to hospitals.

DIPHTHERIA.—There were 25 cases notified, compared with 13 cases last year. Twenty-three cases were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths.

Material for immunising children is supplied free to general medical practitioners on request. Details of immunisation against diphtheria are given in the following table.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.											
Persons inoculated each year from 1934—1943.											
Approximate age in years on 31st December of the corresponding year.	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	
0 —				4		<u>1</u>	1	37	71	144	Total inoculated aged under five years on 31st December, 1943:—  642
1 —				8		3	<u>3</u>	52	78	72	
2 —				8		3	2	<u>31</u>	67	60	
3 —				19	2	3	8	47	<u>67</u>	54	
4 —			3								
5 —	<u>1</u>			46	7	4	14	75	97	<u>58</u>	Total inoculated aged 5—14 years on 31st December, 1943:—  2343
6 —				60	10	8	14	126	96	38	
7 —	<u>1</u>		1	51	9	5	11	133	66	33	
8 —				86	4	9	6	99	52	32	
9 —				<u>82</u>	5	6	18	77	51	32	
10 —				74	<u>7</u>	4	12	107	65	27	
11 —				43	10	<u>1</u>	15	82	59	36	
12 —				28	19		<u>5</u>	92	46	28	
13 —				34	8	1	2	<u>66</u>	42	38	
14 —				3				69	<u>24</u>	38	
15 and over				6				9		35	Total inoculated aged 15 years and over on 31st December, 1943:—  526
Total each year		1	4	552	81	48	117	1102	881	725	Grand Total 1934—43:— 3511

(In calculating the totals of the end of 1943 no account is taken of deaths which may have occurred since immunisation).

WHOOPING COUGH.—Thirty-three children were immunised against whooping cough during the year. Two of these were school children.

ERYSIPELAS.—Five cases were notified, compared with 26 cases last year. Three were removed to hospital.

### Hospital Accommodation.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—There have been no changes made in the arrangements with the Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury.

The number of cases removed to the Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury, each year since 1939 are as follows :—

Disease.	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Diphtheria	11	46	13	10	24
Enteric Fever	-	2	1	2	-
Scarlet Fever	3	6	7	18	15
Erysipelas	-	1	2	1	3
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	1	3	3
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	14	57	24	35	47

PUERPERAL FEVER.—The arrangements made with Monsall Hospital are the same as described in the 1934 report. No case was treated at Monsall Fever Hospital in 1943.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—There has been no change in the arrangements with the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, for the treatment of cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, as described in the 1935 report. One case was treated under this scheme in 1943.



## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES			Un- impaired Vision	Impaired Vision	Total Blindness	Deaths
Number Notified	Treated					
	At Home	In Hosptl.				
3	1	2	3	—	—	—

SMALLPOX.—The Corporation owns an isolation hospital for Smallpox, situated at The Ridge, Hareholme, within the Borough, with accommodation for twenty-seven patients and where there is an installation for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc., by means of high-pressure steam.

No cases were admitted in 1943.

DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN is available free for the use of practitioners as follows :—

Central Fire Station, Rawtenstall (day or night).

Public Health Dept., Spring Garden Chambers (by day only).

Police Station, Burnley Road, Waterfoot (day or night).

During the year 1943, 17 phials of Diphtheria Antitoxin of 8,000 units each, and 2 phials of 10,000 units were supplied free to Medical Practitioners. Material for the active immunisation against Diphtheria is also supplied to General Practitioners on request.

DISINFECTION FOR T.B.—During 1943, 3 rooms, 3 beds and 4 articles were disinfected by the L.A.

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925.

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